

Stakeholder experiences.

Living near a wind farm

Future wind farm neighbors often wonder what it will be like to have wind turbines in the area. Standing hundreds of feet in the air to capture the best winds, the blades of a modern wind turbine will be noticed.

It might feel new when the towers start to appear on the horizon during construction, but they quickly become just another part of the local landscape. Like grain silos storing a harvest or power lines bringing electricity inside your home, wind turbines become an afterthought to most people living among them. Dozens of studies over the years have confirmed that living near wind turbines is safe for residents and livestock, with the World Health Organization considering wind power to be one of the healthiest forms of energy generation available.¹



“You hear people say, ‘I’ve read articles that claim you get nosebleeds and all this and that.’ There’s none of that. You got to be pretty close to hear the noise.

And we farm right under them, go right under them, and so forth. It doesn’t bother us any.

Over a period of time, it’s like anything else. Once you see ‘em, and the longer they’re there, it’s just a part of the landscape.”

– Dave Greulach, landowner
Paulding, Ohio



“There’s a good blend between wind energy and farming because you can farm a row crop right up to the edge of the tower.

We felt wind energy is the worthiest and the wisest type of renewable resource that we have right now because it allows you to use the land in multiple ways.

We’re still be able to farm our land, and cattle can still roam around the turbines.”

– Kim Ensminger, landowner
Moran, Kansas



“We don’t hear the windmills unless we’re listening for it. It’s a noise that you get accustomed to.

The traffic is more of a nuisance to us than the wind turbines, and I don’t really feel that it’s a nuisance.

“The wind farm doesn’t bother the wildlife. I think we’ve seen more now than we did before the wind farm. I don’t believe that the wind turbines themselves harm the environment. I think it’s clean energy. That’s a basic thing and we need that.”

- Joyce King, landowner
Belmont, New York



“The turbines are beautiful. Sometimes you can’t even see the blades. They blend in well with the sky.

And some days when the sun is shining on them they are pretty white. If you’ve got the opportunity to get a wind turbine, take it. It’s been a wonderful experience.”

- Gilbert & Connie Merrill, landowners
Chateaugay, New York



“I put wind turbines on my property because I saw it as a way to get a little more help to offset my farming costs—and because I think they look interesting and I like them.

I like to watch them go around and around—it beautifies the place.

These wind turbines are something I really enjoy. I have no complaints on noises or construction or anything.”

- Francis Lyssy, landowner
McCook, Texas

¹World Health Organization. (2017, November 07). Interventions: Power generation. Some quotes included have been edited for clarity and length.